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Special

COMMENCEMENT

More than 900 baccalaureate and graduate degree candidates of more than 1200 graduating were present on Sat 31 May to receive diplomas. Chancellor Corrigan spoke and President Knapp gave greetings to the more than 7000 assembled in the plaza.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Florence Luscomb, world peace advocate and civil libertarian recently associated with the Women's Liberation Movement, Doctor of Laws; Philip J McNiff, director and librarian, Boston Public Library, Doctor of Humane Letters; I M Pei, architect and urban designer, Doctor of Fine Arts; and Andrew Young, former US Ambassador to the United Nations, Doctor of Laws.

The Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Awards to honor two faculty members nominated by students for excellence in teaching went to Professors Ruth Schmitter of biology and Arthur Simonds of politics. Richard Horsley of religious studies and Robert Weiss of sociology received the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Awards in honor of their outstanding scholarship as reflected in their previous year publications. Elizabeth Boehne of the CMPS Dean's office was tapped for the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award which recognizes a member of the administrative staff who has shown exemplary skill in carrying out fundamental job responsibilities, excellence and professionalism in dealing with members of the university community and has made a total contribution to the instructional mission of the university and the quality of university life.

The Alumni Association Student Award given to an undergraduate for study at the University based on financial need and high academic performance, went to Bonnie Caputo. Irene M Kalman of CAS received the John W Ryan Award which is presented to the student who has achieved the highest cumulative average for four semesters during freshman and sophomore years. The Alvan S Ryan Award for Distinguished Graduate Study in English, presented in commemoration of the awarding of the title Professor Emeritus to Alvan S Ryan of the English Department, the first University of Massachusetts at Boston professor to retire to be named emeritus, went to James H Coombs, a graduate student for outstanding achievement in English.

The John F Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence to recognize the graduating senior who has compiled the most impressive academic record as an undergraduate and who demonstrates a high potential for future contribution to society was presented to Robert H Voss of CAS.

MARSHALL NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Dorothy N Marshall, Commonwealth Professor and director of the Freshman Honors Program, was recently named Professor Emeritus. She was honored on campus with a reception.

Marshall has served in private, Jesuit and public institutions of higher education. A member of the National Board of Consultants for the National Endowment for the Humanities and a Trustee of the Ford Foundation, Marshall is chairwoman of the Foundation's Education and Research Committee and the Committee on International Affairs. She also sits on Ford's Executive Committee.

Marshall views her primary impact as influencing curriculum development. A national and international consultant, she says she is frequently called on to deal with both general and specific issues. "They range from what languages should do in the face of declining enrollment to what should the humanities do to prepare for the 80's." A Latin American politics specialist, Marshall recently reviewed programs with that focus for a consortium of public and private universities and colleges in Washington, D.C.

In the Fall 1971, when she was named Dean of the Faculty and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UMB, Marshall was the top ranking woman in Massachusetts'

educational system. Later she initiated UMB's Latin American Studies Department.

From 1947 - 1970, Marshall served as Dean at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. During her tenure there, she spent two terms as Acting President. After leaving Bryn Mawr, she directed the Special Studies and Honors Program at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Ma.

Marshall holds honorary degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Regis and Smith Colleges. Bryn Mawr established a chair of Hispanic Studies in her honor.

An alumna of Smith, Marshall earned her Ph.D. at Bryn Mawr.

APPOINTED

CHARLES DESMOND was recently appointed Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. He came to the University in 1972 as Assistant Director of Pre-Freshman Programs and Project Director of Upward Bound. He was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in 1978. Desmond is President of the New England Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. Desmond graduated summa cum laude in 1972 from Northeastern University where he is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology.

JAMES BLACKWELL, professor of sociology, has been named to the College Board's newly established National Advisory Panel on Minority Concerns. The panel consists of representatives of the Black, Hispanic, Oriental and Native American communities. Its primary responsibilities are to aid the College Board in addressing the educational needs and concerns of minorities in its ongoing and developing programs and services in the areas of research, recruitment, financial aid, professional training opportunities and admissions services. The panel will also review the findings and recommendations related to minority concerns of College Board councils and standing committees.

The College Board is a New York-based nonprofit educational association of more than 2,500 colleges, universities, schools, school systems, and associations, which sponsor guidance, admissions, financial aid, and credit and placement programs for students, schools and colleges.

ALFREDA HARRIS, head coach of women's basketball, was the first woman to coach a team for the prestigious Shootout tournament, an all male event held recently in Boston at which teams from eight cities played.

SPEAKING

ANDREA SCHEIN, director of the Disabled Student Center, spoke on "Social-Sexual Issues and the Disabled College Student" at the Annual Meeting of the Association on Handicapped Student Service Programs in Post-Secondary Education in Denver. Her paper on that topic will be published in the conference proceedings.

PSA ELECTS FINN CHAIRMAN

Carl Finn, associate director of the Office of Grant and Contract Administration, was recently elected Chairman of the Professional Staff Association Steering Committee. Joe Bloomstein, his predecessor, was commended by the committee for the superb job he did during the year.

The summer schedule for the Professional Staff Association Steering Committee meetings is 20 June, 18 July, 15 Aug and 19 Sept at 9:30 AM in Rm 308 in the Admin Build. At the Aug meeting the Committee will establish the winter schedule.

CRIME WATCH HOW TO

Operation Identification (ID) can help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a theft says Officer J Sullivan of the Dept of Public Safety's Crime Prevention Unit. Operation ID also helps to identify your property if it is lost or stolen. The Department has several articles of value that cannot be returned to the owner because they are unidentified he says.

Operation ID provides an easy way of engraving your driver's license number on valuables to help deter a would be thief. The Public Safety Office on G-1 in the Library has engraving tools for use by all members of the UMass community. They may be used free for three days.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Two important resolutions were passed by The Board of Trustees at its 4 June meeting. The first reaffirms the Board's intention to maintain the University as a unified state-wide, public university directly governed by a strong central administration. The second informs the Boston Redevelopment Authority that the University will fight any attempt to take land at Columbia Point which the University owns or on which it has first option.

Among the other proposals the Board approved William W Hansard's appointment as associate professor of art.

LONG TERM DISABILITY RATE REDUCED

A reduced rate for employees in the Long Term Disability Insurance program was recently announced by the Personnel Office. The new premium, effective 1 May, will be 79¢ per \$100 of monthly payroll with the maximum premium deduction not to exceed \$18.23 per month. The former rate was 84¢ per \$100 of monthly payroll and a maximum \$19.38.

Employees interested in enrolling in the Long Term Disability Program may apply in the Personnel Office. Direct questions to Patrice Rochette x2270.

PUBLIC HOUSING WAS CONFERENCE TOPIC

Columbia Point and the Future of Public Housing in Boston was the topic of a one-day conference at the University recently. Co-sponsored by the Boston Public Housing Tenants Policy Council and U Mass/Boston, the conference provided a forum for discussion of a range of public housing issues among tenants, their advocates, policy makers and members of the University.

THE ELDERLY HAVE SPOKEN

Gerontology Program students at CPCS recently released a survey they completed about the effects of escalating fuel costs on lives of elderly people.

During the winter, 18 students, most of them older than 60, were trained in interviewing techniques. They then interviewed 108 elderly individuals in the greater Boston area to determine the impact of rising fuel costs. The report reveals profound changes in lives because of fuel costs. Standards of living have been forced down as a much greater proportion of income was spent on fuel. Living arrangements were disrupted as thermostats were lowered and rooms closed off. Nutrition was sacrificed for warmth. Health afflictions like arthritis were aggravated. Social contacts diminished. Automobiles became luxuries.

For some, increased costs left them no choice but to consider public housing or other living arrangements and to give up their own homes. Privacy and separate spaces have suffered. Many interviews reveal the interaction of reduced space, personal stress and embarrassment at living conditions.

More than 61 percent of those surveyed reported using oven heat for warmth, despite warnings from Boston Gas to all customers in Jan.

Higher fuel costs have meant a smaller proportion of income for food. As they eat less, and as they are unable to buy food for a balanced diet, the elderly become more vulnerable to the discomforts and dangers of cold homes.

Most of the seniors interviewed were reluctant to request assistance from government or other sources, according to the study. When forced to reconsider inhibitions about seeking help, they voiced anger and frustration when help was not available or was slow in coming, or at arbitrary eligibility levels in spite of extenuating circumstances or unanticipated emergencies. The need for further and stronger weatherization programs was evident.

Even with limited means, the elderly reported responsible conservation efforts. More than 90 percent reported lowering house temperature at night. More than 40 percent kept their evening temperatures at 60 degrees or lower and 38 percent kept daytime temperatures at 65 or below. Only 31 percent have roof insulation, and only 23 percent have wall insulation.

MORE FACULTY TELEPHONE TO RECRUIT

The following were inadvertently omitted from the names of those who participated in the Admissions Office Telephone Campaign: Ernest Becker of chemistry, Jonathan Chu of history and Harold Thurman of art. This omission was a clerical error and was not intended to diminish the appreciation of the Admissions staff for their participation.

STUDENT PAPER PLACES FIRST IN CONTEST

The student weekly newspaper, "The Mass Media," placed first and received a Medalist Award in the Columbia Press Scholastic Association's annual contest. The Medalist Award is the highest rating the Association gives.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO PRODUCE WUMB FALL PROGRAMS

WUMB radio is inviting faculty and staff to apply to produce special radio programs. Such programs include taped public affairs, third world, community and cultural affairs for the fall term. If you have an idea which would inform, educate or stimulate the university community listening audience call Tom Callahan, program director, x2249 or x2250 before 27 June.

IN MEMORIAM

The University community extends condolences to the family of Harold Ferner who served as Circulation Librarian from the founding of the Main Library, and since 1974 in the CPCS Library. He died in mid-May.

CONSTITUTION 200 EXPRESS

The Center for Media Development recently produced a 30 second public service announcement, poster, flyer and a brochure for the Constitution 200 Commission at the request of the State Legislature's Committee on Rules.

SHORELINES SUMMER SCHEDULE

ShoreLines will be published once a month during July and Aug. In July the deadline will be 7 July for release 15 July and in Aug the deadline is 4 Aug for release 12 Aug.

The deadline for the first issue fall term is scheduled for 25 Aug for release on 2 Sept. Next deadline 7 July.

Calendar TUE 6/17 - MON 7/15

● TUE 6/17

HOLIDAY/Bunker Hill Day.

● WED 6/18

EXHIBIT/The Alphabet Library co-sponsored by the Lettering Arts Guild of Boston during Library hours through 30 June.

● FRI 6/20

MEETING/Professional Staff Association Steering Committee Rm 308 Admin Build 9:30am.

● TUE 6/24

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Information sessions Rm 419 Downtown every Tue 9am and 6pm.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return to College sponsored by Admissions every Tue 12noon Rm 419 Downtown and 6pm Rm 308 Harbor Admin Build. For info 287-8100 Free.

● TUE 6/31

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Information sessions repeat 6/24.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return repeat 6/24.

● TUE 7/1

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Information sessions repeat 6/24.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return repeat 6/24.

● FRI 7/4

HOLIDAY/Independence Day.

● TUE 7/8

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Information sessions repeat 6/24.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return repeat 6/24.

● THUR 7/10

SUMMER SESSION A ENDS/Last Day of Classes.

● MON 7/14

SUMMER SESSION B BEGINS/Classes Start.

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